

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 563

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Tutt S. Bradford  
on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tutt S. Bradford recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Blount County community, Tutt Bradford, with the backing of Carmage Walls, purchased *The Daily Times* in 1955, and went on to become sole owner before he sold the newspaper in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bradford served with acumen and alacrity for thirty five years as owner, editor, publisher, and then chairman of the board for *The Daily Times*, in which positions he earned the respect of his staff and readers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; the newspaper experienced tremendous growth under his able tutelage; and

WHEREAS, Tutt Bradford began his career in journalism as a newspaper carrier and then as a mailroom employee at the *Spartanburg Herald* in South Carolina, where his mother was the Women's Editor; and

WHEREAS, while attending Wofford College, Dr. Bradford began a very successful career in advertising sales; and

WHEREAS, prior to Dr. Bradford's illustrious career with *The Daily Times*, he served as publisher at the *Cleveland Banner* and the evening newspaper in Bristol; and

WHEREAS, those closest to Dr. Bradford describe him as a tough taskmaster with a very big heart and someone who evinces great compassion for his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, Tutt Bradford proudly served his country in Europe during World War II; and

WHEREAS, he has lent his time, talents, and leadership abilities to many notable causes in his community, including serving as president of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, head of the United Way, and on the board of Maryville College; he conceived the idea of the Pellissippi Parkway connecting with Oak Ridge, helped secure the bridge across Fort Loudoun Dam, was instrumental in getting Cades Cove preserved in an historical district, pushed for the construction of the Foothills Parkway, and helped establish the Blount County Economic Development Board, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bradford also personally supported numerous organizations, such as the Blount Hearing and Speech Foundation, Knoxville Symphony, and the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center; he has funded the Bradford Scholars at Maryville College, established the Newspaper in Education program at *The Times*, and given strong financial support to the University of Tennessee School of Journalism and the UT Library; and

WHEREAS, as Tutt Bradford approaches his tenth decade, he is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as his health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Tutt S. Bradford on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.